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TO: ALL SUPERVISORS

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FIRE DANGER PREPARATIONS

Southern California is currently experiencing moderate to high fire conditions with high temperatures, low humidity, dry vegetation and Santa Ana winds, resulting in a "red flag warning" issued by the National Weather Service.

The strongest winds are expected to continue throughout the day and should subside Tuesday afternoon. Strong winds are expected, however, to continue through Saturday.

Additional, specialized resources have been placed in the Santa Clarita, Calabasas, Malibu, Azusa, Duarte, and Claremont areas to help mitigate the danger. We are also coordinating closely with other fire agencies to determine their availability to assist.

If you have any questions, please call me.

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